I HEARD SOMETHING FROM HIS HIGHNESS GADHEVI, FATHER.

IS THAT SO.
WE'RE GOING TO STOP THEM AT GUJARAT.
WE WON'T LET THEM.

HE SAYS RAJENDRA'S ARMY IS ON ITS WAY TO ATTACK US?

DON'T WORRY, SALIMA.
I UNDERSTAND THAT RAJENDRA'S ARMY HAS ALLIED WITH THE PAR'S ARMY, AND THEY WILL BE ATTACKING FROM TWO DIRECTIONS. WILL WE BE ALL RIGHT, I WONDER.

AND YOU WILL SUPPORT HIM EMOTIONALLY AS HIS WIFE.
I WILL SUPPORT HIS HIGHNESS GADHEVI AS PRIME MINISTER.
HIS HIGHNESS HAS A TENDENCY TO WORRY TOO MUCH.
THAT IS EASIER SAID THAN DONE. HIS HIGHNESS GADHEVI SEEMED RATHER ANXIOUS.
I
PREFER STRONG MEN.
FWOO
WE HAVE 180 THOUSAND SOLDIERS AND THE WAR ELEPHANTS HERE TO DEFEND OUR CITY.
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR, MY DEAR DAUGHTER, SALIMA.
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I LIKE THIS COLOR. THANK YOU.
YOU ARE TOO KIND.

THE HEROIC LEGEND OF ARSLAN

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YOU NEED TO LEARN TO CONTROL THOSE FEET!
YOU'RE MINE!!
...WHOA?!
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I MEANT TO DO THAT.

KA-POW

SCRUNCH

OH!
IT'S OVER!
WHEW.
DID YOU FINISH HIM OFF?
YEAH.

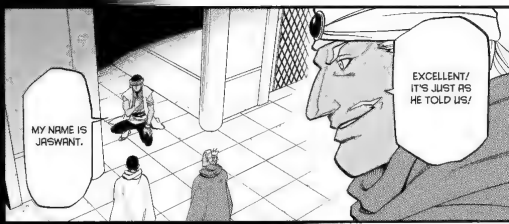
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO IT?
TIE HIM UP BEFORE HE WAKES UP.

WITH THE FLAT OF MY SWORD.

HEY!
'CAUSE YOU GOT ALL THAT PRACTICE WITH RAJENDRA.

WE STILL HAVE SOME FINISHING TOUCHES TO TAKE CARE OF.
AND MAKE IT SNAPPY.

A GOLDEN HELMET...
THAT'S ARSLAN?
YES, SIR! WEARING THAT HELMET!
THEN THE MAN IN BLACK GARB BESIDE HIM, RIDING THE BLACK HORSE. HE'S THE ONE WHO SLEW GENERAL PULAKESHIN.
THAT'S WHAT I'M TOLD.


EXCELLENT! IT'S JUST AS HE TOLD US!
MY NAME IS JASWANT.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE PARSIAN ARMY?
SIR MAHENDRA?

I SERVE PRIME MINISTER MAHENDRA.

LET US HEAR YOUR STORY!
HMM... THIS IS SIR MAHENDRA'S SIGNATURE...

SIR MAHENDRA ORDERED ME TO GET MYSELF CLOSE TO PRINCE RAJENDRA AND TAKE ACTION WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF.

PRINCE RAJENDRA WAS LYING THROUGH HIS TEETH WHEN HE SAID HE WANTED TO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH THE TWO OF YOU.
YOU MUSTN'T BETRAY GADHEVI. YOUR HERD'S WILL ROLL.
...THAT WAS CLOSE!
WE WERE ABOUT TO LOSE EVERY-THING TO OUR GREED!
THE PROPOSAL FROM PARS WAS MERANT TO PUT YOU BOTH OFF YOUR GUARD.
THEY INTEND TO PASS BY GUJARAT FORTRESS UNDER COVER OF NIGHT, AND CONTINUE TO THE CAPITAL URAIYUR.
THE CAVALRY IS THEIR MAIN FORCE. IT WILL LEAD THE MARCH.
THEY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE SUPPLY TRAIN.
I HUMBLY REQUEST THAT YOU LET THE CAVALRY PASS AND ATTACK THEIR PROVISIONS INSTEAD.

I WILL WATCH FOR THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT AND SEND UP A SIGNAL FLARE WHEN IT ARRIVES. THAT IS WHEN I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SWOOP IN AND ATTACK THE SUPPLY TRAIN.
I WILL RETURN TO THE PARSIAN ARMY.
OF COURSE. HOWEVER POWERFUL THE ARMY MAY BE...
THEY CANNOT FIGHT IF THEY'VE LOST THEIR FOOD!
I WON'T LET YOU DOWN.
EXCELLENT... WE LEAVE IT IN YOUR HANDS, JARSWANT.

WE RIDE !!
WE DON'T NEED TO WAIT FOR THE SIGNAL!
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OOHH
THE PERSIAN SUPPLY TRAIN IS RIGHT IN FRONT OF US.
THIS IS THE OPPORTUNE MOMENT!
ATTACK !!!
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THEIR SUPPLIES ARE OURS! TAKE EVERYTHING !!!

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HSS
HSS
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GRAH! NOW THAT IT'S COME TO THIS...
THAT'S HIM!!!
A CHILD IS COMMANDING THEM...?
THE PARSIAN BRAT!!
DON'T MOVE!!

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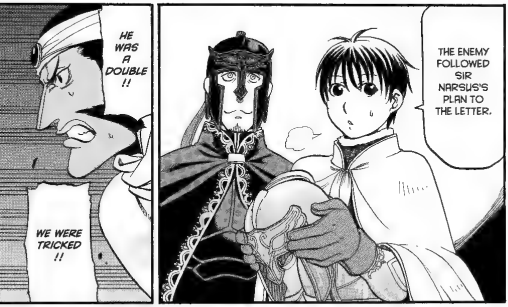
BRILLIANTLY DONE, SIR DARYUN!

THEN WHO WAS WEARING THE GOLDEN HELMET AT THE HEAD OF THE CAVALRY?
WHAT?!


HE WAS A DOUBLE !!
WE WERE TRICKED !!
THE ENEMY FOLLOWED SIR NARSUS'S PLAN TO THE LETTER.

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GENERAL GOVIND HAS BEEN STRUCK DEAD!
GENERAL TARA HAS BEEN STRUCK DEAD!
THEY PLAYED US FOR FOOLS !!
THE MISSION IS A FAILURE!!
THE PARSIAN CAVALRY HAS RETURNED !!
EEK ?!!

THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND US!!
THEY'RE GOING TO SURROUND US!!
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NEEEIGH
RETREAT !!
RETREAT !!
BACK TO THE FORTRESS !!
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OPEN THE GATE !!
OPEN THE GATE !!

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THINK
THINK
YEARGH!
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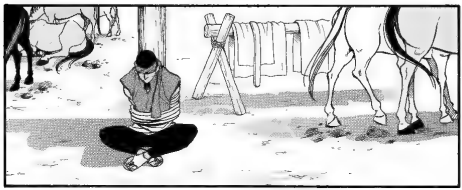
CAN'T SAY I RESPECT AN ARMY THAT LEAVES IT'S DOORS UNLOCKED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
THE PARISIAN FLAG?!
NEEIGH
LET'S



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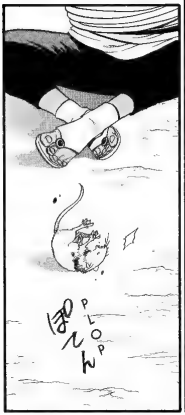
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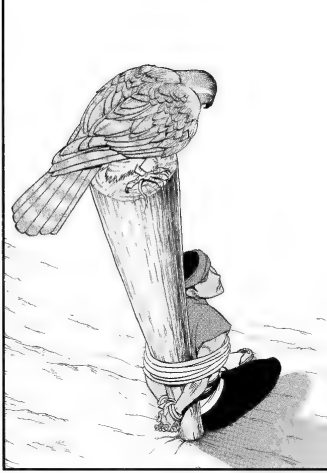

...NO THANK'S.

BORN WHO KNOWS WHERE, SPENDING A LIFE SLINKING AROUND IN THE SHADOWS, ONLY TO BE CAPTURED BY MY ENEMY...
IS THIS ME...?
...WAIT.
...AND DIE, NEVER EVEN KNOWING WHO I AM.

...
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME GUJARAT FORTRESS FELL AFTER ONLY THREE DAYS?!!
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HOW ...
WHAT DO WE DO, MAHENDRA?!
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING TO DO.

IF PAR'S HAS TAKEN IT, THEN OUR ONLY CHOICE IS TO TAKE IT BACK!
GUJARAT WAS A VITAL STRONGHOLD IN DEFENDING OUR CAPITAL CITY FROM THE NORTH!

I KNOW!
YOU MUST ACT BEFORE THE ENEMY CONCENTRATES ITS FORCES, YOUR HIGHNESS!

IF RAJENDRR'S ARMY JOINS THEM THERE...
...IT WILL BE NIGH IMPOSSIBLE TO RETAKE THE FORTRESS!

THOOM
THEY HAVE ALL BEEN ASSEMBLED!
TH-THOOM

YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
HOW ARE THE ARMIES COMING?

A FORCE OF 150 THOUSAND SOLDIERS !!
AND 600 WAR ELEPHANTS !!

I WILL CRUSH YOU LIKE ANTS!
ARSLAN !! RAJENDRA !!
NOT EVEN ANDRAGORAS III HIMSELF DARED FACE OUR ELEPHANTRY IN A FRONTAL ASSAULT!!